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## Memories, Stories Sought at Second DeReef Park History Harvest

**Charleston, S.C.** – The City of Charleston will host a second DeReef Park History Harvest, in partnership with Gullah Society and the National Park Service, from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 at the Charleston County Public Library, 68 Calhoun Street.

Community members are invited to bring memorabilia from DeReef Park and the surrounding area to share at the event. Oral histories will be recorded and digital copies of photos and other materials will be made on site.

"We appreciate everyone who came to our first History Harvest and shared their memories with us," said Susan Herdina, a city attorney who is coordinating the effort. "It is a privilege to learn about people's families and neighbors, their childhoods and the local businesses that have all shaped the community over time. The stories and artifacts shared with us at the history harvests will help to shape how we honor the park in the future."

The information collected will be used to understand the history of DeReef Park, as remembered by the neighboring community, in order to create interpretive signs and a public report for general educational use and study.

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